

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule comprising an agricultural chemical compound of which a melting or softening point is 70°C or below, a salt of N-acylamino acid that has an acyl group having 8 to 24 carbon atoms, and an adsorbent carrier.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 1-~~or~~2, wherein the salt of N-acylamino acid is a salt of N-acylated material of at least one amino acid selected from the group consisting of glycine, sarcosine, alanine, valine, leucine, lysine, arginine, glutamic acid, aspartic acid, methionine, cystine, cysteine, and phenylalanine.

4. (Currently Amended) An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 1-~~or~~2, wherein the agricultural chemical compound contains as its main component at least one selected from the group consisting of dimethametryn, dithiopyr, benfuresate, cyhalofop-butyl, dimepiperate, pretilachlor, esprocarb, and iminoctadine albesilate.

5. (Currently Amended) An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 1-~~or~~2, wherein the adsorbent carrier is selected from the group consisting of synthetic noncrystalline silicas, diatomaceous earths, zeolites, attapulgitites, and acid clays.

6. (Currently Amended) An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 1-~~or~~2, wherein 10 to 60% by mass of the agricultural chemical

compound, 10 to 30% by mass of the N-acylamino acid, and 10 to 80% by mass is the adsorbent carrier.

7. (Currently Amended) An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 1-~~or~~2, further comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde condensates of aromatic sulfonates and lignosulfonates.

8. (Previously Presented) An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 7, wherein the ratio of the at least one selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde condensates of aromatic sulfonates and lignosulfonates is 5 to 25% by mass relative to a total mass of the agricultural chemical compound, the N-acylamino acid, the adsorbent carrier, and the at least one selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde condensates of aromatic sulfonates and lignosulfonates.

9. (Currently Amended) An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 1-~~or~~2, further comprising an N-acylmethyltaurate.

10. (Original) An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 9, wherein the N-acylmethyltaurate has an acyl group having 8 to 24 carbon atoms.

11. (Previously Presented) An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 9, wherein the ratio of N-acylmeththaurate is 0.5 to 10% by mass relative to a total mass of the agricultural chemical compound, the N-acylamino acid, the adsorbent carrier, and the N-acylmethyltaurate.

12. (Previously Presented) An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 7, further comprising an N-acylmethyltaurate.

13. (Previously Presented) An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 12, wherein the N-acylmethyltaurate has an acyl group having 8 to 24 carbon atoms.

14. (Previously Presented) An agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to claim 12, wherein the ratio of N-acylmethtaurate is 0.5 to 10% by mass relative to a total mass of the agricultural chemical compound, the N-acylamino acid, the adsorbent carrier, the at least one selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde condensates of aromatic sulfonates and lignosulfonates, and the N-acylmethyltaurate.